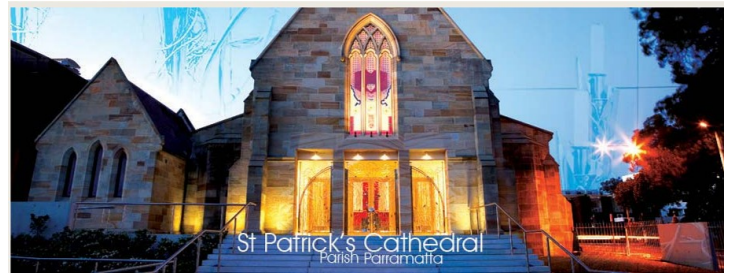


**st patrick's primary
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10th September 2015 Term 3 No.9



Dear Parents

*Last Friday night some staff and I had the pleasure of joining a group of children from our school as they received the sacrament of Confirmation. The mass was celebrated by Diocesan Administrator Father Peter Williams and was concelebrated by Father John Paul and the Dean of the Cathedral, Father Bob Bossini. Each candidate was accompanied by their sponsor and was supported by members of their family. As part of his homily Father Peter reminded the children how important this sacrament is, in that it is a time when the Holy Spirit blesses them with the special gifts of; **Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and awe in God's presence.***

*He likened these gifts to what we gain from a GPS; in this case **God's Plan for Salvation**. These gifts are like our road map for life, our guide. In everything we do and everyone with whom we meet we are asked to call on these gifts to enlighten our actions and to provide us with the wisdom to make decisions. This can be quite a challenge at times especially when we get frustrated, hurt by others, feel the pressure from our peers to do what is popular rather than what is right and generally lose our way to secular values. What is so wonderful is that we are all reminded during this time of witnessing the joy of this Sacrament, that we can call on the Holy Spirit whenever we need to.*

This is not only important to remember as individuals but also as a school community. A worthwhile question is; what type of spirituality are we demonstrating to our children, when we gather in the school? Children learn from our actions, more than what we say. Teachers and parents are charged with the sometimes challenging role of witnessing to the gifts of the Holy Spirit with each other. Some considerations are as follows; do we show the gift of understanding by being supportive of those that are different from us? Are we willing to think the best of others through the gift of knowledge or are we quick to assume the worst of each member? Do we take delight at the misfortunes of others and use this misfortune as fodder for malicious gossip or do we show courage by turning our back on attempts to draw us in to being unkind? Do we demonstrate right judgment by standing up against unhelpful winging or do we encourage each other to complain with no interest in finding a solution? Do we view even the very small steps children make towards improvement in their learning with the awe and wonder that comes with the knowledge that they are precious human beings doing their very best at this time or do we unfairly compare them to their friends and their siblings? Is St Patrick's School, Parramatta a place where the Kingdom of God is truly visible to each other; members and visitors, in the quality of our relationships?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue to bless our School Community of St Patrick's, especially the children who have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

“Confirmation gives you grace, the share in God’s life, to do great things for each other. So Confirmation is big. Confirmation makes a difference: it makes us adult Catholics with a job to do...

[The] Church expects you to stand up for Christ, your faith and ideals. To say in word and deed: I am a Christian; I love God and people and our world and with God I want to make our world [school] a better place for people!”

Archbishop Anthony Fisher – Confirmation Mass, St Patrick’s Cathedral
2014

Prayer for Community
God our Maker
We praise you for the gift
of community
Thank you for the
communities in which we
work and live. Thank you
for the
community that is your
Body , the Church.
Fill us with Your Spirit
today so that as one, we
reflect you light and love to
ach other to the world.
In Christ we pray,
Amen

<https://ace.nd.edu/resources/catholic-school-prayers-for-communities>

Movie Night Reminders

The St Patrick's Movie Night is fast approaching and I know that there are many children who are very excited about this community event. A huge thank you to all the generous parents, behind the scenes, busily organising treats for the evening and to all those who have donated drinks, serviettes etc. Thank you to Mrs Anne Fardell who has been the staff coordinator liaising with the Movie Night committee. Can I remind parents that all children attending must be accompanied by an adult and that the responsibility for the supervision of children will be with these adults. **Children must not be dropped off and picked up later in the evening as there will be no staff supervision available. For safety reasons, the parents of any child found without adult supervision on the night will be contacted to collect them.**



- The tickets are \$10 each (babies and non school age children free of charge)
- If it rains on the night a contingency plan has been organised, where it will be moved to the hall, in this case only blankets will be permitted to enable more people to fit in.
- In the event the movie is moved to the hall food will be available for purchase from the staff car park under the hall.
- Tickets will given to the children today to bring home
- Gates open at 5.30pm. Movie starts at 6.30pm.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:

Zachary Haddad, Nicholas Drosos, Matthew Liang, Alisha Katafono, Allen Soso, Olivia Saab

The Pope Francis

'To Do' List

Get down from the ivory tower and stop the rhetoric. Get to know the poor and suffering; it will wake up a numbed conscience and inspire real action. (49)

PAT-R Testing

Children from Yr 2 to 6 are currently sitting the PAT- R standardised tests. These tests are completed online. The PAT -R tests are used to monitor progress in reading comprehension and provide teachers with diagnostic information for setting realistic learning goals and planning effective programs.

This assessment enables us to:

- Track students’ literacy progress from year 2 through to year 6.
- Identify students who require help to develop literacy skills and students who would benefit from literacy extension.
- Use results to confirm school-based assessment.
- Use information, based on the question types, to plan literacy teaching strategies.

The results of this assessment will be available to the school by the middle of term 4.



Student of the week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning area



st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

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| 3L | Erica Jurisic |
| 3T | Norm Shidiak |
| 4B | Amelia Beacroft |
| 4G | Elise Sassen |
| 5C | Mikayla Urizar |
| 5T | Serene Mawad |
| 6P | Alan Mansour |
| 6W | Nicholas Parkes |

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|----|-----------------|
| 3L | Gabrielle Sabat |
| 3T | Matthew Khreich |
| 4B | Andre Eltakchi |
| 4G | Simone Tanna |
| 5C | Claudia Yaghi |
| 5T | Connor Younes |
| 6P | Simone Kalathil |
| 6W | Erin Bautista |

MINDQUEST

If you are keen in giving your child (ren) opportunities to be involved in Science based extension courses in the form of Enrichment Weekends MindQuest may be of interest to you. The MindQuest program is held at Glenwood HS and is targeted towards 'gifted and talented' students Years 1-6. There is a cost involved. If you are interested please collect a flyer and registration form from the school office. This is an independent event and is not associated with the school or system

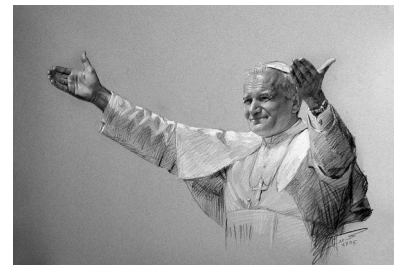


Unveiling of the Statue of Saint John Paul II

On Saturday 5th September our school was invited to be a part of the unveiling of a new monument dedicated to St John Paul II. This monument created by renowned Sydney artist Linda Klarfeld is in the forecourt of our Cathedral in Parramatta. The school was represented by Nicholas Parkes, Clarissa Guino, Clark Guatlo and Annie Gittany. [Some words from Sydney's Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP](#)

“St John Paul II was truly the Saint of the youth. He founded World Youth Day, which enabled millions of young people to experience the faith in a new and almost revolutionary way,” Archbishop Anthony said.

“He also established the Diocese of Parramatta to better serve the Catholic people of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, one of the youngest and fastest-growing areas of Australia.”



Can you Help?

St Vincent de Paul/ Western Sydney Homeless Appeal
collecting from **Thurs 10 Sept – Thurs 17 Sept**

From today 10th September, we will begin to collect good quality, pre loved clothing. Half of the donations will be given out at no cost to people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage at the Western Sydney Homeless Connect event at Parramatta Town Hall on 12 October.

The other half will be used by St Vincent de Paul. Wanted are practical items such as

closed shoes/joggers, new socks new underwear, t-shirts, jeans, tracksuit pants, jumpers and rain proof jackets, sleeping bags and blankets.

We ask that all donated items are in good condition, clean and ironed.

Please drop into the office.



Thank you

The 15 or so hampers that have been assembled for the Parish Spring Fair on Saturday look magnificent. They are brimming with a variety of practical items and treats. Thank you for all your generosity which has made this possible

CONGRATULATIONS - PEER REVIEW SCHOOL COMPLIANCE

Congratulations to Ms Nederpelt and Ms Perry for their success in representing the school at last Wednesday's Peer Review Compliance. Peer Review is a key part of the **School Compliance audit process**. The process of Peer Review allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on particular aspects of curriculum, selected by CEDP, to be the point of focus for the year. This year St Patrick's Parramatta was assigned English and Religious Education to present and the year group was Kindergarten. The teachers presented to a group of teachers from 3 other primary schools and representatives from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Well Done, you did us proud!



CONDOLENCES

Dear Parents and Children

May I ask you to keep in your prayers the community of St Michael's Primary School Blacktown South as they continue to grieve the loss of one of their young students. This little boy was tragically killed this week at Lalor Park. Expressions of sympathy have been sent on behalf of the school to St Michael's principal Mr John Laffan.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you so much to all of our parents who kindly donated and dedicated books for our Library during Book Week . Your generous response was overwhelming and resulted in \$1,400 worth of new books bought to add to our collection.

Thank you also to Mrs Dianne Attard who has processed these books so efficiently so students have been able to borrow them so quickly and also to Mrs Michelle Doueihy for covering the books for our students.

Congratulations and well done to our talented teachers who dressed up as imaginary Book Characters and entered into the spirit of Book Week celebrations and with special learning activities made the week so special. Teachers.....you are all inspirational!

Mrs Debra O'Dwyer

(Teacher/Librarian)

St Patrick's Cathedral

SPRING FAIR

Saturday September 12

10am to 4pm

Prince Alfred Square

Corner Victoria Rd and Church St
Parramatta

*Bring your family!
Join us for a day full of fun.*



Rides
Cakes/Slices
Sausage sizzle
Face painting

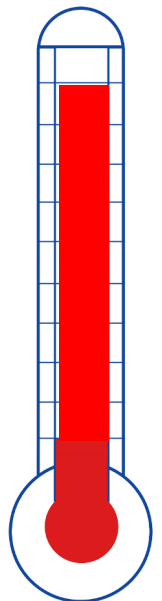
Entertainment
Chocolate Wheel
White Elephant
Plant Stall

Photo Booth
Cupcake Decorating
Show Bags

Woolworths Earn & Learn



Target
30,000 points



We are SO close to our target!!!

The stickers need to be sent off next week so if you have any stickers left at home please return them to the office ASAP.

If you do not have a full sheet that's ok as we have stickers we can fill.

28,080 as of 9/9/15

Stage Two Touch Football Gala Day

On Friday 4th September, 2015 I had the great honour of taking one Boys Team and One Girls Team to St Mary's to represent St Patrick's Parramatta at the Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day. I have never felt as proud of our students as I did on this day. They all displayed exceptional behaviour, respect and skills. We even had students in our teams who had never played touch football before but with the support of their team mates they tried their best and displayed good skills, even scoring a few of the tries. Most importantly the students had a fantastic day. Although it was very busy and tiring, we all had an amazing time and lots of fun.



I would like to congratulate both teams for their tremendous effort on the day. **The Girls won 4 out of their 5 Games (one round was counted as a BYE Round).** They had so much fun playing together and really tried hard. It was great to see the girls who had played touch football before supporting the girls who were playing for the first time.

Our Boys Team were super stars on the day and won all 6 of their games in impressive style. They were on fire!!!! Using their super speed and ball skills they managed to impress and only had a couple of tries scored against them. They were the overall Boys Pool B Champions and were awarded medals at the presentation ceremony at the end of the Gala Day. Although we had our superstar touch football players in the team, we also had some new players who although showed skills in PE lessons had never played before. I was so proud seeing the experienced boys encouraging and supporting the new players.

For our school's first time in the competition I am pleased to report that it was an extremely successful day. Of course this day would not have gone ahead without the help from our devoted parents who volunteered in many ways. Thank you to the parents who attended the Gala Day and supported the children by cheering them on and helping with supervision. Thank you also to **Mrs Julie Sabat, Mrs Jackie Wehbe and Mrs Lisa Kassis** for assisting with supervision and helping with organisation throughout the day. Thank you also to our very own wonderful **Mrs Attard** who cheered on the students, supervised, made sure they had their food and water and even took home our team shirts to be washed.

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to 3 people who assisted greatly in the week leading up to the Gala Day. Thank you to **Mrs Annette Romanos** for helping to organise our training session and most importantly for organising our team shirts to be ready for the day. Thank you to our two super coaches **Mr Joe Romanos and Mrs Marietta Maroun** who gave up their time to attend the Gala Day and coach the teams. You displayed fairness, compassion and encouraged sportspersonship. It was obvious to see the children had a lot of respect for you. Thank you also to **Mr Andrew Maroun** for giving up his time to train the Girls Team before the big day and to any other parents who attend the training session and supported our coaches and students.

A special thank you to **Mrs McGlenn** for being our very own professional photographer on the day. She attended every game and snapped some great action shots.

Last but not least thank you to Mr Younis who originally came up with the idea to enter the teams.

Overall we had lots of fun and all students and parent helpers displayed great school spirit. We are lucky to have such a supportive school community that allows us to participate in these events which require a lot of planning and supervision. God Bless.

Mrs Anne Fardell

Stage Two Team Manager





THANK YOU

My sincere thank you is extended to all the parents who assisted in any way for the Father's Day events. All these tasks are very time consuming and knowing that we have parents who are happy to give up their time to organise the Father's Day gifts, the Father's Day stall, sourcing raffle prizes, donating raffle prizes, the selling of raffle tickets, the Father's Day Breakfast and games etc is so reassuring. It certainly encourages us as a school to provide memorable experiences for our children, as a community. I certainly understand that not all parents can give up their time, especially during the day, however the reality is that if we did not have assistance we could

not provide these events. Can I encourage you to consider contributing in some way at some time during the year so that the responsibility is shared and does not fall on the shoulders of only a few. If you have put forward your name to assist at the beginning of the year and for some reason have not been approached or contacted can you please ring Jenny in the office and she will let the organizers for future events, know. My sincere apologies if this has happened. Remember all our children benefit from us working as a team. Thank you again for anything you may have contributed to St Patrick's School - it is very much appreciated!

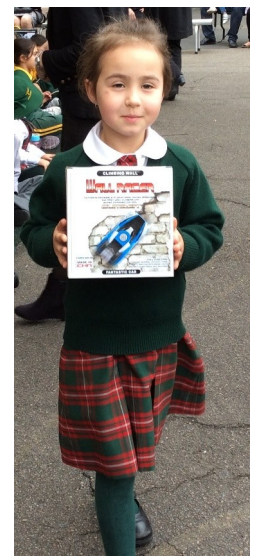
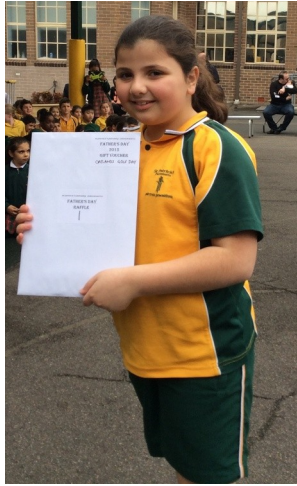
Bernadette Fabri

Parent Helpers — Mrs D Gebrael, Mrs Z Takchi, Mrs C Moujalli, Mrs A Romanos, Mrs M Wehbe, Mrs F Figueredo, Ms J Feng, Mrs J Harb, Mrs M Gereige, Mrs E Johnson, Mrs B Moussa, Mrs Manuela, Mrs S Banzato, Mrs A Aboumelhem, Mrs N Wehbe, Mrs N Jurisic, Mrs M Gittany, Mrs A Bouari, Mrs D Sabat, Mrs J Sabat, Mrs B Barakat, Mrs M Maroun and Mrs R Davino.



St Patrick's Primary

Father's Day Raffle Draw



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| 1 | Oatlands Golf Club – One days golfing Voucher | Elaria 3L | 24 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Tahlia 1C |
| 2 | Rush Hour- Boot camp - 6weeks \$350 | Brian 1S | 25 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Biargio 1S |
| 3 | NRMA Car Service | Lucy 2Y | 26 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Julian C 3L |
| 4 | Manpower Men's clothing Voucher \$100.00 | Sophie KA | 27 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Emmaline 5C |
| 5 | Crystal Car Wash voucher | Shanelle 1S | 28 | Gift Voucher \$40.00 | Elie KA |
| 6 | Rush Hour 1months gym access | Simone 4G | 29 | Indulged by Beauty Voucher | Annaminka 4G |
| 7 | Work scene Voucher \$100.00 | Jennifer Mekdessi 3L | 30 | Gift Voucher \$25.00 | Norm 3T |
| 8 | Electric Toothbrush | George 2M | 31 | Gift Voucher \$25.00 | Chanel 6W |
| 9 | Truck & Trailer Penrith - RM Williams fold up chair | Matthew KA | 32 | Gift Voucher \$25.00 | Anthony 2Y |
| 10 | Outback Steakhouse - Mini hamper/ \$30 voucher/free onions | Emanuel KA | 33 | Cincotta Chemist Merrylands - Toiletry pack/Darrell Lea | Mary Jo 2Y |
| 11 | Ultimate Hobbies VFO Satellite remote control plane | Jacob 2Y | 34 | Gift Voucher \$20.00 | Jacob S KM |
| 12 | Hogs Breath Café Voucher | Caitlin 6W | 35 | 3D Subwoofer Speaker system | Emily Johnson 1S |
| 13 | Priceline North Parramatta - Men's Fragrance | Marcus G 4B | 36 | Ultimate Hobbies Parramatta - Wall Racer remote control car | Maria Khoury 2M |
| 14 | Priceline North Parramatta - Joop fragrance | Emma KA | 37 | Men's Travel Pack | James Fraser 1S |
| 15 | Lattouf Hair& day spa - \$55 Men's Hair Cut | Alexa KM | 38 | Jonnie Walker 12 yr old Whiskey | Adrian Jabbour 5T |
| 16 | Bunnings Gift Voucher | George 2M | 39 | Super Cheap auto Car cleaning Kit | Norm Shidiak 3T |
| 17 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Erica 3L | 40 | Burson Auto Parts Parra - Car Cleaning Kit | Scarlette K 2M |
| 18 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Meanelli 6W | 41 | Gift Voucher \$20.00 | Alana 4G |
| 19 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Marcus G 4B | 42 | Gift Voucher \$20.00 | Samuel 5C |
| 20 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Natalia 4B | 43 | Gift Voucher \$20.00 | Joseph K 5C |
| 21 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Carl 1C | 44 | Gift Voucher \$20.00 | Meanelli 6W |
| 22 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Ava 1S | 45 | Coffee Machine | Christian S 3T |
| 23 | Gift Voucher \$50.00 | Tahlia 1C | | | |



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Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

**MASS TIMETABLE FOR
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
PARRAMATTA**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am,
9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Solemn)
6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Holidays 8.00am

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

ASTHMA MEDICATIONS Must be kept with the child at all times. An Asthma Action plan must be created in conjunction with your child's medical practitioner and given to the school. The Action Plans must indicate the type of medication to be taken, the severity of the asthma, and any physical limitations of the child. Parents are asked to keep the teachers informed of any concern you have re the well being of your child.

OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: It is important that the school is made aware of any long term illness/conditions such as diabetes, severe allergies, cystic fibrosis, or epilepsy, so that adequate procedures or modification can be made to assist your child.

2015

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Nine

Friday 11th Sept

Primary Assembly—Year 3 2.15pm

Movie Night –Big Hero 6

Gates open at 5.30pm for a 6.30 start

Week Ten

Friday 18th Sept

Last Day of Term 3

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 6th October

Staff Development Day—No students

Wednesday 7th October

1st Day Term 4 for students

Thursday 8th October

Antarctica Incursion—Yr 6

Friday 9th October

No Assembly

Week Two

Tuesday 13th October

Footsteps Dance commences

Friday 16th October

Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

Week Three

Tuesday 20th October

Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 23rd October

Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 27th October

Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 30th October

World Teacher's Day

Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Week Five

Tuesday 3rd November

Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 6th November

Primary Assembly—Yr 4 2.15pm

Year 1 excursion to "Wetlands"